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1. THAILAND

ALL PAPERS COVER WKEND ATTEMPTED COUP. SATURDAY REPORTS
CONFUSED, SOME SAID COUP SUCCEEDED (AP, SUN; SIMONS, WP;
WSTAR); 3/27 PAPERS IDENTIFIED COUP ATTEMPT AS FROM FAR-
RIGHT, LED BY EX-GENL, INVOLVED ABOUT 300 REBEL SOLDIERS
WHO SEIZED 4 GOVT/MIL BLDGS IN BANGKOK; RTG FENDED OFF
ATTEMPT, CAPTURED REBELS; 1 RTG GENL KIA (AP WSTAR, SUN).

ANDELMAN (NYT ,/27) REPORTS FOILED COUP WAS MOSTLY WAR OF
WORDS. SIMONS (WP 3/27) SAYS COUP ATTEMPT COLLAPSED FROM
"INEPTITUDE"; DESCRIBES VIOLENT BEGINNING THAT DEGENERATED
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INTO BIZARRE/COMIC-OPERA SEQUENCE EVENTS; SAYS 5 COUP LEADERS
TO BE EXILED. SIMONS CONTRASTS W/HARSH TREATMENT ACCORDED
STUDENTS IN OCT COUP.

RTG SAYS 5 COUP LEADERS WHO WERE REFUSED REFUGE BY SEVERAL
ASIAN NATIONS FACE TRIAL, POSSIBLE DEATH (AP NYDN, SUN; WP).
ANDELMAN NOTES RTG VAINLY SEARCHES FOR PLACE TO EXILE COUP

LEADERS.

2. BURMA/THAILAND

GUB SAYS ABOUT 200 KAREN REBELS RETREATED INTO THAILAND AFTER TROOPS OVERRAN HQ FOLLOWING 3-DAY BATTLE (AP, NYT).

3. CHINA

NCNA WARNS NEW MOBILE MID-RANGE SS-20 GUIDED MISSILES DEPLOYED IN WESTERN USSR; DEVELOPMENT/DEPLOYMENT PART OF SOVIET ALL-OUT CONTENTION WITH US FOR NUKE SUPERIORITY. SUN'S WU (HK) NOTES THAT, AS IN PAST, WHEN US-SOVS BEGIN ARMS TALKS, PRC SEEMS WORRIED US MIGHT MAKE TOO MANY CONCESSIONS (3/27).

LETTER FROM "PD" READERS ALLEGES SOME CCP MEMBERS ARE LEAKING PARTY SECRETS TO NON-PARTY MEMBERS; SAYS PHENOMENON "VERY HARMFUL" TO PARTY (REUTER PEKING).

NCNA REPORTS MAO MEMORIAL HALL EDIFICE COMPLETED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE; INT/EXT DECORATIONS/INSTALLATION WORK SOON TO BEGIN. NO DATE GIVEN WHEN HALL READY FOR MAO REMAINS (REUTER HK, 3/26).

MARKING FURTHER RELAXATION CULTURAL POLICY, PRC MARKED 150TH ANNIVERSARY BEETHOVEN'S DEATH BY LIFTING 3-YR BAN ON HIS MUSIC, WITH CENTRAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PLAYING LUDWIG'S WORKS TO CAPACITY CROWD (REUTER PEKING, 3/26; ALSO NYT UNCLASSIFIED

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3/27). -

PRC PREPARING FOR 3/26-4/5 TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TRYING DEFUSE INTERNATIONAL CONTROVERSY ABOUT ITS USE OF "SUPER-PADDLE" IN COMPETITION. CHINESE HAVE SHOWN FOREIGNERS (BUT NOT MKTED) PADDLE THEY'VE USED SINCE '63 (REUTER PEKING, SUN 3/27).

CHINESE ARCHAEOLOGISTS HAVE FOUND 2,000-YR-OLD BRONZE HORSE/ CHARIOT IN KWEICHOW, ACCORDING NCNA (AP TOKYO WSTAR 3/27).

PHILIP GREER/MYRON KANDEL (SUN 3/27) DISCUSS NEW YORKER CHARLES ABRAM'S EFFORTS FOSTER US MARKET FOR PRC ITEMS.

4. JAPAN

JAPAN PLANS SEND OFFICIAL MISSION TO US BEFORE MONTH'S END IN ANOTHER ATTEMPT GAIN US PERMISSION FOR REPROCESSING SPENT NUKE FUEL. FUKUDA TOLD DIET 3/25 THAT ALTHO HE

UNDERSTOOD CARTER'S CONCERN ABOUT PROLIFERATION, COUNTRY
COULD NOT ACCEPT US STANCE AS APPLIED TO JAPAN. PM ADDED
JAPAN WOULD DO VERY UTMOST PERSUADE US ACCEPT JAPANESE

POSITION (REUTER TOKYO 3/26).

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DEPT SAID THURS CANADA/JAPAN HAVE RESOLVED
"ALL MAJOR ISSUES" IN NEGOTS TO RESUME CANADIAN URANIUM
SHIPMENTS TO JAPAN. DEPT OFFICIALS SAID SHIPMENTS WOULD
NOT RESUME UNTIL AGREEMENT GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL ON BOTH
SIDES (REUTER LAT 3/25).

GOVT SURVEY OPINION POLL SHOWS HALF JAPANESE POPULATION
SUPPORTS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT NUKE POWER PLANTS IN JAPAN,
BUT 45 PCT OPPOSE CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH PLANT IN THEIR
NEIGHBORHOODS. ONLY 15 PCT FAVORED END NUKE DEVELOPMENT
(REUTER TOKYO).

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SABURO EDA, LEADER JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY'S RT-WING FACTION,
SECEDED FROM PARTY 3/26 TO SEEK CREATION NEW, MIDDLE-
ROAD PARTY. EDA LOST LOWER HOUSE SEAT IN DEC, PLANS
RUN FOR UPPER HOUSE AS INDEPENDENT (NYT 3/27).

JAPANESE BANKERS BELIEVE YEN VALUE WILL FLUCTUATE BETW
280-270 TO DOLLAR FOR NEXT FEW MOS, FIRING UP CLOSER
TO 270 TOWARD MID-YR. DESPITE BANK OF JAPAN DENIALS,
MOST PVT BANKERS FEEL BOJ ENGAGED IN "FINE TUNING" FOREX
MART TO PREVENT TOO SUDDEN DAILY UPSURGES IN YEN (CULLISON,
JOC).

WSJ REPORTS SONY THUS FAR DOMINATES SALES HOME VIDEO
RECORDERS, HAVING SOLD 50,000 UNITS IN US SO FAR. ZENITH/
RCA WILL BOTH BEGIN MARKETING JAPANESE-MADE VIDEO UNITS
THIS FALL UNDER US BRAND NAMES.

CHAUFFEUR WHO WORKED FOR GKR UNDER LON NOL "SOLD" CAMBODIA
EMB IN TOKYO TO JAPANESE WOMAN FOR 2.1 MIL DOLS. GOJ
1ST BECAME AWARE OF TRANSACTION LAST MONTH WHEN NEW OWNER
APPLIED FOR BUILDING PERMIT FOR ADJACENT LAND; GOVT SOURCES
SAY CHAUFFEUR LISTED HIMSELF AS CHARGE, SOLD PROPERTY,
THEN LEFT JAPAN. EFFORTS NOW UNDERWAY NULLIFY DEAL (AP,
WP 3/27).

IN OSAKA, NYT'S MALCOLM (3/26) DOES ITEM ON CITY'S GROWING
URBAN PROBLEMS, MAYOR OSHIMA'S SEARCH FOR ADEQUATE REMEDIES.

5. JAPAN/KOREA

INTERVIEWED ON ABC-TV'S "ISSUES AND ANSWERS" 3/27, FUKUDA INDICATED CARTER INTENDS STRENGTHEN US AIR POWER IN SK/TAKE OTHER COMPENSATING MEASURES IN SK WITHDRAWAL PLAN. PM SAID JAPAN COULD NOT INCREASE MIL STRENGTH EXCEPT FOR SOME "QUALITATIVE ASPECTS." ADDED IF JAPAN SPENDS TOO UNCLASSIFIED

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MUCH MONEY ON DEFENSE, WILL CAUSE "APPREHENSION FOR ASIAN PEOPLE."

IN OTHER AREAS, FUKUDA AFFIRMED JAPAN'S INTENTION DEVELOP NUKE POWER PLANTS FOR CIVILIAN PURPOSES DESPITE PRES' DISAPPROVAL. SAID HE WAS EVEN MORE DEDICATED THAN CARTER TO ELIMINATION NUKE WEAPONS, BUT INSISTED NUKE ENERGY "VERY NECESSARY" FOR "PEACEFUL DEVELOPMENT." ON HUMAN RIGHTS, FUKUDA SAID HE AGREED W/CARTER'S OBJECTIVES, BUT THERE ARE "DIFFERENT APPROACHES." ADDED "IN SOME CASES" MAY BE WELL SPEAK OUT LOUD," BUT IN OTHERS, DOING SO MAY PRODUCE FAILURE INSTEAD OF SUCCESS (WP).

6. KOREA

LEE CHUL SEUNG, CHRMN NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY, UNDER PRESSURE RESIGN AFTER FACING 7-HR BARRAGE TAUNTS/ANGRY QUESTIONING AT PARTY CAUCUS 3/24. LEE ATTACKED FOR MAKING STATEMENTS SYMPATHETIC TO PARK GOVT DURING JUST-CONCLUDED TOUR US, JAPAN. PARTY MEMBERS REASSESSING POLCY OF COOPERATING W/PARK'S PARTY IN ORDER EXPAND ITS ROLE IN ASSEMBLY. AFTER FAREWELL ADDRESS, PARTY CAUCUS ADOPTED STATEMENT SEEKING REHABILITATION PARTY'S IMAGE. IN APPARENT REFERENCE US PLANS WITHDRAW ITS GROUND FORCES, CAUCUS ALSO DEMANDED ASSEMBLY BE CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION TO DEBATE "IMPORTANT INERNATIONAL ISSUES" (SAAR, WP 3/26).

DOJ INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGED INFLUENCE-BUYING BY ROKG AGENTS NOW FOCUSING ON POSSIBLE TAX VIOLATION FOR TWO FORMER CONGRESSMEN--CALIF DEM RICHARD HANNA, NJ DEM CORNELIUS GALLAGHER. SOURCES SAID FOCUS ON TWO SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE USG NOT YET BEEN ABLE MAKE CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST ANY PRESENT CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE BEEN LINKED TO KOREAN LOBBY; DOJ HOPING BRING UNCLASSIFIED

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ENOUGH PRESSURE ON MEN TO PERSUADE THEM TESTIFY AGAINST

OTHERS. BOTH HAVE HAD CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS W/TONGSUN PARK (MARRO, NYT; EXCERPTED IN SUN).

FRISCO SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE THURS GRANTED 5 FAMILIES TEMPORARY CUSTODY THEIR ADULT CHILDREN IN EFFORT WIN THEM AWAY FROM MOON CHURCH. APPEALS COURT TO RULE 3/28 ON FOLLOWERS' PLEA STOP PARENTS' ATTEMPTS, PUT BAN ON "DEPROGRAMMING" UNTIL CASE'S FINAL DISPOSITION (UPI LAT 3/25, NYT).

7. INDONESIA

FORMER PERTAMINA PRES IBNU SUTOWO PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST, ORDERED NOT LEAVE HOME WHILE GOI INVESTIGATES FIRM'S FINANCES. NATL SECURITY ADM SUDOMO TOLD NEWSMEN 3/26 SUTOWO/NUMBER OTHER PERTAMINA OFFICIALS ASKED REMAIN HOME DURING INVESTIGATIONS. SUDOMO DECLINED ELABORATE OR NAME OTHER OFFICIALS INVOLVED (REUTER JAKARTA 3/26; AP, WSJ).

8. PHILIPPINES

MARCOS PROCLAIMS AUTONOMY IN 13 S PHIL PROVS 3/26 IN STEP TOWARD ENDING 4-YR-OLD MOSLEM REVOLT FOR SELF-RULE. PROVISIONAL GOVT TO ADMINISTER AREAS WHILE PREPARATIONS MADE FOR VOTE THAT WILL DETERMINE FINAL FORM REGIONAL SETUP. DECREE MADE CLEAR NEW REGION WOULD BE RUN IN PARTNERSHIP W/CHRISTIAN POPULATION/SPECIFIED POWERS ALLOTTED PROVISIONAL GOVT BUT PROMISED "OTHER POWERS AS PRESIDENT MARCOS MAY DIRECT." NO OFFICIAL WORD ON MOSLEM DEMANDS THAT REGION HAVE TAXATION POWER (NYT; UPI, WP, BOTH 3/27).

WHO REP SAID 3/27 RECENT DEATHS 16 CHILDREN INS PHILS CAUSED BY MEASLES/MALNUTRITION, NOTSMALLPOX AS REPORTED UNCLASSIFIED

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EARLIER (UPI, WP 3/27).

9. DIEGO GARCIA

CORDDRY (SUN 3/26) REPORTS INFORMED SOURCES SAY US PROPOSALS FOR ARRESTING INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL ARMS RACE MAY INCLUDE CLOSING/REDUCING DG OPNS IN EXCHANGE FOR SIMILAR SOVIET MOVES AT SOMALIA/OTHER FACILITIES NEAR RED SEA ENTRANCE. SOURCES SAY LIMITATIONS ON NAVAL FACILITIES/SHIP DEPLOYMENTS "KEY CONSIDERATIONS" IN CARTER'S "MUTUAL MILITARY RESTRAINT" GOAL.

(CORDDRY ALSO CITES NEW STUDY RE RISKS ON CONFLICT AROUND

INDIAN OCEAN PUBLISHED IN WASHINGTON 3/25 BY AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE--"THINK TANK" ENGAGED IN PUBLIC POLICY RESEARCH. AUTHOR TAHTINEN URGED NEGOTS TO "REDUCE TO A MINIMUM" MIL SUPERPOWERS' MIL PRESENCE IN AREA. BELIEVES MUTUAL REDUCTIONS MIGHT APPEAL TO USSR, WHICH SEEKS FEWER US SHIPS IN AREA. MOVE WOULD ALSO REAP POL DIVIDENDS IN BORDERING COUNTRIES CONCERNED ABOUT DG AND "OVERWHELMING PRESENCE" US AIRCRAFT CARRIERS.

10. PALAU

PARAMOUNT CHIEF PALAUAN ISLANDS IBEDUL GIBBONS THURS APPEALED TO SEN CMTE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR AID IN STOPPING DEVELOPMENT MAMMOTH OIL TANKER PORT NOW PLANNED FOR ISLANDS. CHIEF SAID SUPERPOR?

WOULD AFFECT "TRADITIONAL LAND-USE SYSTEM, WOULD CAUSE PROSTITUTION, INCREASE THE CRIME RATE," AND CAUSE PALAU-ANS BECOME "MINORITY IN OUR OWN COUNTRY" (JONES, LAT 3/25).

11. INDOCHINA

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VN VICE FONMIN PHAN HIEN SAYS HANOI PREPARED NORMALIZE RELS W/US, DO UTMOST GIVE MIA INFO; BUT US HAS "UNDENIABLE DUTY" IN TERMS C-F/INTL LAW/MORALITY/CONSCIENCE TO HELP HEAL WAR WOUNDS (AFP, WP).

12. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

UNHCR SAYS MARKED INCREASE FLIGHTS REFUGEES FROM SVN IN RECENT MOS. NO REASON GIVEN. ADDS IN FEB 706 ARRIVED THAILAND/MALAYSIA/SINGAPORE/JAPAN BY SEA (NYT SPEC 3/26).

13. GENERAL

CARTER ADMIN LIFTS BAN ON SPENDING US DOLS BY AMCIT VISITORS IN CUBA. ORDER GIVES PARACTICAL EFFECT TO PRES' RECENT ORDER LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO CUBA/VN/NK/CAMBODIA (HOVEY NYT, WSTAR 3/26).

LANDAUER (WSJ) REPORTS US TREATY PROPOSALS VS BUSINESS BRIBES GET POOR RECEPTION O'SEAS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

14. CHINA

PROF HANGIN (IND U) WRITES NYT CLAIMING MONGOLIA WAS NEVER PART OF CHINA. LETTER IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER 3/15 PETER YU "OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER..." FOR NAT'L ASSN CHINESE -AMERICANS WHICH ALLEGEDLY CLAIMED OUTER MONGOLIA LEGALLY PART OF CHINA. HAGIN CITES HISTORICAL/LEGAL DATA TO MAKE CASE.

FROM CANTON, SAFIRE (NYT 3/27) WRITES THAT CHINESE NOT RELUCTANT DISCUSS MASSIVE RE-EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, HUMAN RTS ISSUE. SAYS ONE PEKING DIPLOMAT NOTES 5 CATEGORIES THOSE DENIED HUMAN RTS WHO ARE REPORTEDLY NOT JAILED BUT UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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"MASS SURVEILLANCE." WHERE WOULD THEY GO? ASKED CADRE. SAFIRE ADDS DIFFICULT FOR AMERICANS UNDERSTAND PRIDE CHINESE TAKE IN COERCIVE REMOLDING 40 MIL RECALCITRANT MINDS, AND CHINESE CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY AMERICANS DISTURBED RE REVEALING QUESTION, "WHERE WOULD THEY GO?"

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) REPORTS IN WAKE REPORTED MISCALCULATION 76 HARVEST/MOUNTING DROUGHT THREAT, PEOPLE IN PARTS PRC FOUND GRAIN RATION CUT. YET UNCERTAINTY AMONG ANALYSTS RE SEVERITY OF DROUGHT--SOME SAY PRC MAY HAVE GOOD HARVEST--AND VIGOROUS DEBATE RE ACTUAL DIFFICULTIES, BUT SOME OF ECON DIFFICULTIES MAY ARISE FROM FACTIONAL STRUGGLES INVOLVING RRS (3/26).

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD (HK) NOTES CHANGES IN CULTURAL POLICY IN PAST 5 MONTHS--VISIT/PRC PRESS COMMENTS ON CONCERTS BY CANADIAN BRASS QUINTET, PEKING ART MUSEUM SHOW OF WORKS BY CONTEMPORARY CHINESE ARTISTS, ETC. BUTTERFIELD ALSO WRITES THAT WORKERS WHO COMPLAINED ABOUT LOW WAGES MAY GET SOME INCREASES, BUT THEY'LL HAVE TO WORK MORE; MENTIONS LEADERSHIP EFFORTS COPE WITH ECON/LAW-ORDER PROBLEMS; UNIVERSITIES RETURN TO EXAM SYSTEM AND "PD" ARTICLE TERMING SCI/TECH SITUATION SHOCKING AND CALLING FOR REFORM. SAME ARTICLE NOTES HK ANALYSTS PUZZLED OVER RECENT PUBLIC ABSENCE PROVINCIAL LEADERS AND SPECULATE POLITBURO MAY BE IN SESSION DISCUSSING TENG'S STATUS, AS ANNIVERSARY TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT LOOMS CLOSER.

IN SECOND ARTICLE, BUTTERFIELD WRITES THAT FORMATION OF US-ROC ECONOMIC COUNCIL HAS EMBROILED US BUSINESSES IN PEKING-TAIPEI TRADE CONTROVERSY. WITH HEAVY-HANDED PRESSURE, CHINATS SEEK HAVE US COMPANIES JOIN GROUP; PEKING REBUKES THOSE DOING SO, AND IN SOME CASES DENIED VISAS TO CANTON TRADE FAIR. CONTROVERSY HAS SPLIT US BUSINESSMEN IN HK/TAIPEI IN TWO HOSTILE CAMPS. NATIONALISTS SAY NOTHING UNDERHANDED ABOUT COUNCIL, MAINTAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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PRC SOUGHT CULTIVATE GOOD RELS WITH US VIA NAT'L COUNCIL.

15. INDOCHINA

LAT (3/25) BELIEVES PRES' APPRAISAL WOODCOCK MISSION AS COMPLETE SUCCESS MAY BE PREMATURE. POINTS OUT THAT WHEN US/VN TRY PUT APPARENT CONSENSUS INTO PRACTICE, MAY COME UP W/DIFFERENT ANSWERS: HANOI SEES REPARATIONS/MIA INFO AS "INTERRELATED," SO MAY USE MIA INFO AS DIPL LEVER IN MORE SUBTLE WAY; QUOTES PRES THAT WOULD MOVE AGGRESSIVELY FOR NORMALIZATION RELS/VN ENTRY INTO UN ONLY AFTER CONVINCED HANOI DOING ALL CAN TO ACCOUNT FOR MIAS. OPINES HANOI STYLL WANTS SOMETHING FROM US, STILL USING MIAS-TO GET IT BUT IN DIFFERENT WAY. APPLAUDS PRES FOR REFUSING LINK POTENTIAL AID TO ANY US "CULPABILITY."

MCGRORY (WSTAR 3/25) THINKS PRES INDULGED IN "CREATIVE MISINTERPRETATION" (IN DEALING W/HANOI IN READING WOODCOCK REPORT) WHEN DECLARED NEITHER US/VN GOING PURSUE PAST

AGREEMENTS/DISAGREEMENTS AND HINTED MIGHT BE ARBITRARY TO INSIST HANOI ACCOUNT FOR EVERY MIA AS CONDITION FOR NORMAL DIPL RELS. MCGRORY NOTES US NEVER MADE SUCH DEMAND OF FORMER ENEMY. OPINES PRES WILL MAKE REPARATION W/O CALLING IT THAT.

LORENZ (JOC) REVIEWS STUMBLING BLOCKS TO US-SRV TRADE. SEES FROZEN ASSETS OF AMCITS MAJOR ISSUE. ALSO WONDERS WHAT VN WILL SELL US TO PAY FOR IMPORTS. BELIEVES COOPERATIVE VENTURES OF TYPE VN HAS W/JAPAN MAY NOT INTEREST US FIRMS. BRINGS UP CREDIT/CURRENCY PROBLEMS.

AFSC' KUBICKA (LAT 3/25) DESCRIBES VISIT TO VN VILLAGE, DISCUSSES PROBLEM/EXTENT MIA VIETS. BELIEVES US SHOULD SOLVE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS LEFT FROM WAR--MIAS/NORMALIZATION RELS/RECONSTRUCTION AID--IN WAY TO DEMONSTRATE
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BROTHERHOOD.

16. THAILAND

MORITZ (CSM) WONDERS HOW NEW COUP ATTEMPT WILL AFFECT RTG. POINTS TO UNSTABLE NATURE BROAD MIL COALITION BEHIND PM THANIN. DETECTS CONCERN RE OTHER POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT BY

MIL ELEMENTS. SAYS HOW EVENTS AFFECT POWER BALANCE AMONG MIL LEADERS STILL TO BE ANSWERED. QUOTES SOURCES THAT SIGNS EXIST RE-EMERGENCE PRAPHAS/KITTIKACHORN STIMULATES POL MANEUVERINGS WITHIN MIL COALITION.

17. JAPAN

GLOBE'S SNOW (TOKYO) DISCUSSES US-JAPAN DISPUTE OVER NUKE FUEL REPROCESSING. REVIEWS BOTH SIDES ARGUMENT, CITES JAPANESE BUSINESS/BUREAUCRACY/MEDIA PRESSURING FUKUDA SOMEHOW GET AROUND US REFUSAL ALLOW JAPAN REPROCESS OWN FUEL. QUOTES "NORMALLY PRO-AMERICAN EDITOR" WHO REMARKED IN PVT THAT JAPAN "CANNOT ALLOW" US "DICTATE AND DOMINATE GLOBAL NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY." HOWEVER, JAPANESE SOURCES SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF MAJOR COMPROMISE BEFORE CARTER FORMALIZES US ENERGY POL IN 4/20 STATEMENT.

SNOW ALSO NOTES FRANK LINDSAY, DIRECTOR CMTE FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT'S STUDY, "NUCLEAR ENERGY AND NATIONAL SECURITY," VISITED TOKYO JUST PRIOR TO CARTER-FUKUDA MTG; EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT INTENSITY JAPANESE CONCERN OVER ISSUE. SNOW CONCEDES US "SHIFTED GROUND" ON ISSUE SINCE FORD ADMIN, BUT ADDS: "WE'VE SHIFTED GROUND FOR THE RIGHT REASONS." US ALSO WARY OVER POSSIBLE JAPANESE PLANS BUILD NUKE REACTOR COMPONENTS IN JAPAN TO RUSSIAN SPECIFICATIONS FOR SOVIETS TO SELL TO OTHER COUNTRIES, WHICH MAY INVOLVE TRANSFER NUKE TECHNOLOGY ORIGINALLY GAINED FROM US SOURCES.

SUN'S TREWHITT WRITES ON CARTER ADMIN'S PROBLEMS IN TRYING UNCLASSIFIED

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LIMIT "NUCLEAR CLUB." RE JAPAN, TREWHITT SUGGESTS IF US SAYS NO TO PLEAS FOR REPROCESSING, GOJ IN GREAT TROUBLE FOR WASTING 200 MIL DOLS ON CONSTRUCTION PILOT PLAN. US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BEING CONSIDERED IN WASHINGTON AS WAY CIRCUMVENT ISSUE; BUT NO GUARANTEES SUCH PROGRAM WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN TOKYO. WHILE JAPAN "QUITE OBVIOUSLY" CLOSE FRIENDS US, HAS NO INTENTION BUILD NUKE WEAPONS; SOME US OFFICIALS, "IN THEIR MORE PRIVATE MOMENTS," ACKNOWLEDGE US-JAPAN RELS MIGHT NOT ALWAYS BE SO WARM, AS EVEN NOW JAPAN "NERVOUS" ABOUT US PLANS WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM SK.

18. GENERAL

NYT'S CHANDA (HK 3/27) REVIEWS S ASIA SITUATION, CONCLUDES AREA NEVER QUITE FREE OF INSURGENCIES, THO NO DOMINOS OUTSIDE INDOCHINA HAVE FALLEN. NOTES TROUBLE IN THAILAND/MALAYSIA/BURMA/VN/LAOS/PHILS/INDONESIA.

SEROTA (NYT 3.26) LOOKS OVER QUESTIONS RE DOMESTIC INJURY
DUE IMPORTATION FOREIGN GOODS, ESP RELATING MEN'S HEAD-
WEAR. WRITER IS LOBBYIST FOR CLOTH HAT/CAP MNFCTRERS
ASSN.

SUN (MOSCOW BUREAU) OPINES USSR FACES POSSIBILITY SEVERE
LOSS INFLUENCE IN ASIA BECAUSE: GANDHI DEFEAT IN INDIA/
POST-MAO CHINA SHOWING NO SIGNS RENEWING FRIENDSHIP/
JAPANESE RELS IN EBB OVER FISHING RTS/VN MAKING GESTURES
INDEPENDENCE/PAKISTAN INSTABILITY.
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